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1. WE ARE PERSUADED OF VALUE OF HAVING AGREED CONTINGENCY
PRESS GUIDANCE ON SHAPE/EUCOM COLLOCATION TO BE USED ONLY
IN THE EVENT OF A LEAK.

2. THE FOLLOWING CONTINGENCY PRESS STATEMENT IS PROPOSED
FOR ADDRESSEES' COMMENTS. UNLESS PUBLIC AFFAIRS EMERGENCY

(I.E., A LEAK) SHOULD INTERVENE, BONN AND BRUSSELS SHOULD DEFER DISCUSSIONS WITH HOSTS OF PROPOSED TEXT UNTIL FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS.

QUOTE: IN THE CONTEXT OF NATO'S CURRENT EFFORTS TO INCREASE ITS DETERRENT CAPABILITY, THE US HAS RECENTLY INITIATED CONSULTATIONS WITH THE BELGIAN AND GERMAN GOVERNMENTS ON A PROPOSAL TO RELOCATE DURING WARTIME CERTAIN ELEMENTS OF THE US EUROPEAN COMMAND HEADQUARTERS FROM STUTTGART TO THE SHAPE WARTIME FACILITY IN BELGIUM. WITH SUCH WARTIME SO-CALLED QTE COLLOCATION UNQTE, SACEUR WOULD

HAVE THE OBVIOUS ADVANTAGE OF DIRECT ACCESS TO THE US/EUCOM BATTLE STAFF, THUS SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVING THE EXERCISE OF HIS COMMAND AND CONTROL FUNCTIONS. CONSULTATIONS ON THIS PROPOSAL ARE IN THE INITIAL STAGE AND WE HAVE NO FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS TO REPORT AT THIS TIME. UNQUOTE.

3. THIS IS A JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE.

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